GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ABORTION PILL RU-486
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to market the abortion pill RU-486 in India;

(b) if so, whether strict regulation and norms on its use has been finalized;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether ICMR has warned about its misuse;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to make awareness about the dangerous effect of this pill to the general public before marketing?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) There is no decision to market the abortion pill RU-486 in India. This drug is currently under evaluation with ICMR.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) No such warning about the misuse of RU- 486 has been received from ICMR.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) There is information generally known about some side effects of this medication, example mild to moderate pain, malaise, faintness, nausea, vomiting and skin rashes. Till we receive a full and final evaluation on RU 486, no decision can be taken about marketing this abortion pill.